

U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION “HOT ISSUES” INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: *Courthouse Construction Program*

1. BACKGROUND:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is set to begin work on eight courthouse construction projects identified by the federal Judiciary as their top priorities. GSA's plan, which was submitted to Congress, includes \$787 million for new construction and \$160 million for repairs and alterations to existing facilities.

a. General Background:

- Largest investment in federal buildings since the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.
 - [Courts Construction Program](#)
 - [FY 2016 Courthouse Spend Plan](#)

b. Issues:

- Partnering with the US Administrative Office of the Courts (USAOC) and the local communities is an opportunity for GSA.

2. SCOPE AND EFFECT:

a. Impact on GSA's Customers:

- USAOC's largest set of projects with GSA. Delivering on schedule and on budget will be very important to continuing our positive working relationship with the Judicial Branch as well as providing effective quality workspace.

b. Impact on the Private Sector and State & Local Governments:

- Spending plan will bring new federal courthouses to Nashville, Tenn.; Des Moines, Iowa; Greenville, S.C.; Anniston, Ala.; and San Antonio, Texas. It will also provide for new courthouse annexes in Toledo, Ohio; Charlotte, N.C.; and Savannah, Ga., to go along with renovations of the James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley U.S. Courthouse (Toledo), the Charles R. Jonas Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse (Charlotte), and the Tomochichi U.S. Courthouse (Savannah).

3. ACTION(S) PLANNED OR REQUIRED:

Each courthouse project has a dedicated team of GSA and Courts' personnel consisting of both Central Office and Regional personnel. Detailed project plans with milestones have been developed and are monitored on a regular basis by all levels within GSA leadership. All new courthouse and renovation projects will be completed in accordance with the U.S. Courts Design Guide, meet the 10-year space needs of the court and court-related agencies, and be consistent with the application of courtroom sharing policies.

4. **KEY STAKEHOLDER INTEREST:**

The Court's construction program will be of particular attention for Congressional members , Judicial Branch, and local community leaders as this program and investment allows GSA to leverage the resources of our agency, and the federal government, to foster economic development in the impacted local communities, while addressing the space constraints and security challenges in these aging facilities.

5. **FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 BUDGET IMPACT:**

Funding was provided in the FY 2016 appropriation for the Federal Buildings Fund.